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The incident which occurred at Jallianwalla Bagh on 13th April, 1919 will ever remain in the memory of all Indians as an eloquent symbol of British tyranny in India. The massacre of unarmed Indians, which left four hundred dead and twelve hundred wounded, aroused a universal surge of indignation against the British rulers. The tragedy prompted Poet Rabindranath Tagore to resign the knighthood conferred upon him by the British Government.

Indians hated Major General Dyer, the chief perpetrator of the crime. Under mounting pressure the British Government was forced to censure him. But for many Britons, Dyer was a hero who had saved the British Empire. The House of Lords justified his heinous act as "preventive massacre". Sir Michael O'Dwyer urged "The Morning Post" to launch a fund collection drive for Dyer in which the British ladies took a keen interest. The British-owned "The Times of India" contributed Rs. 20,000 to this fund. The fund totalled £ 26,317. In 1940, Udham Singh shot Sir Michael O'Dwyer to avenge the Jallianwalla Bagh Massacre.

The sacrifice of the martyrs of Jallianwalla Bagh resulted in further intensification of the struggle for independence. It turned millions of loyal supporters of the British Raj into nationalists. The Jallianwalla Bagh massacre thus became an important landmark in India's struggle for freedom.

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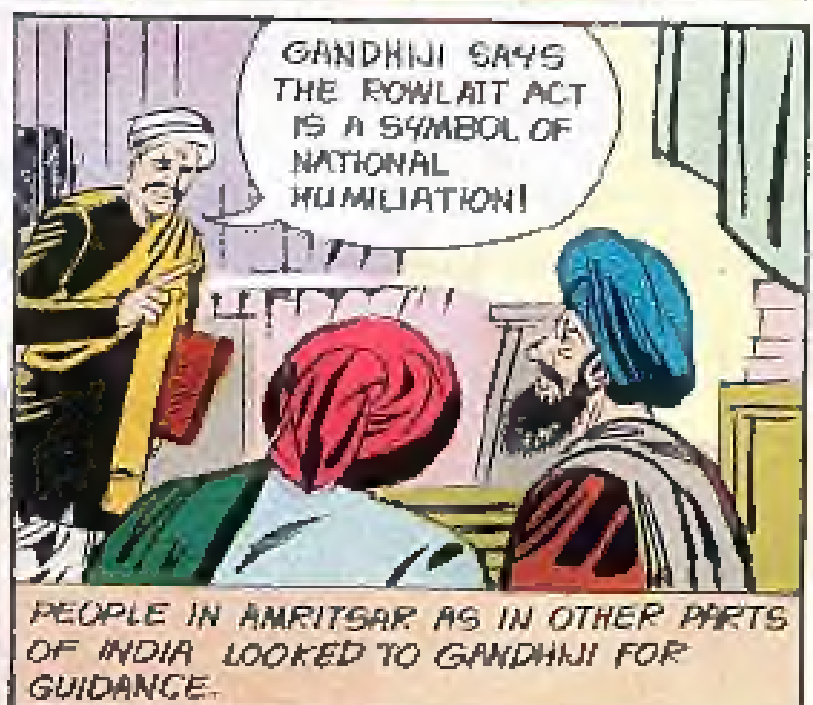
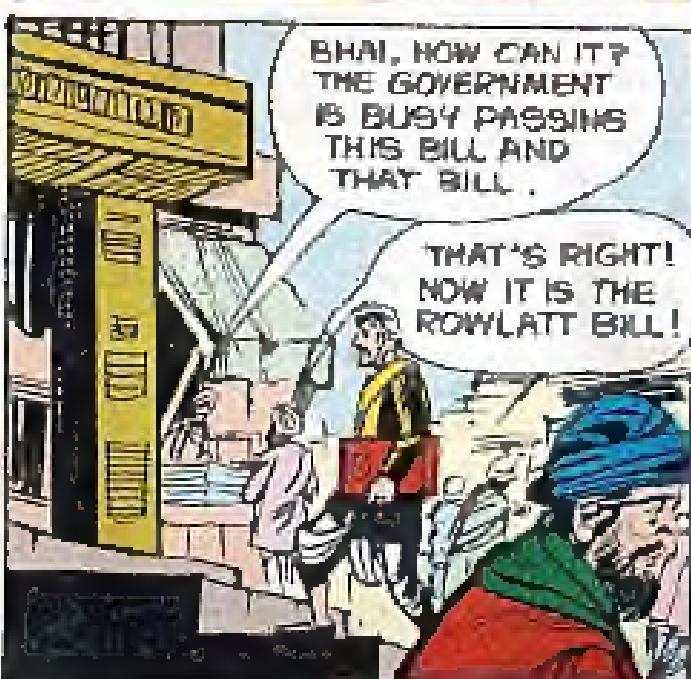
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THE PANDAVAS CONQUER THE WORLD

Jallianwalla Bagh

IN THE YEAR 1919 THERE WAS UNREST IN PUNJAB. IN AMRITSAR, THE BRITISH RULE WAS CONSIDERED BOTH OPPRESSIVE AND INEFFICIENT BY THE PEOPLE.



AS THE INFAMOUS PROVISIONS IN THE ROWLATT ACT BECAME WIDELY KNOWN, THERE WAS INDIGNATION EVERYWHERE. AT A MEETING OF LAWYERS—

WE ARE THREE HUNDRED MILLION INDIANS AND WE ARE RULED BY ONLY TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND ENGLISHMEN!

I SEE WHAT YOU ARE GETTING AT! WE COULD TURN THE BRITISH OUT BY GIVING THEM JUST TWO SLAPS EACH!



NO, NO VIOLENCE, PLEASE. GANDHI'S METHOD CALLS FOR SELF-RESPECT AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.



THE SPEAKER WAS DR. SAIFUDDIN KITCHLEW, A PROMINENT GANDHIAN.

SEVERAL MEETINGS TOOK PLACE IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 1919. ONE SUCH MEETING WAS HELD AT YANDE NATARAM HALL.



LET FETTERS AND HANDCUFFS BE YOUR ORNAMENTS. LET PRISONS BE YOUR MOSQUES AND TEMPLES. THEN INDEED SHALL FREEDOM KISS YOUR FEET.

AT MANY OF THESE MEETINGS GANDHI'S IDEAS WERE EXPLAINED. DR. SATYAPAL, ANOTHER GANDHIAN, WAS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE SPEAKERS AT SUCH MEETINGS.



SATYAGRAHA IS A PROCESS OF SELF-PURIFICATION. OURS IS A SACRED FIGHT AND IT SHOULD BE COMMENCED WITH AN ACT OF SELF-PURIFICATION. TO THIS END GANDHI WANTS THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF INDIA SHOULD OBSERVE A DAY OF HARTAL* ON MARCH 30.



* CLOSING OF SHOPS AS A MARK OF SORROW OR PROTEST

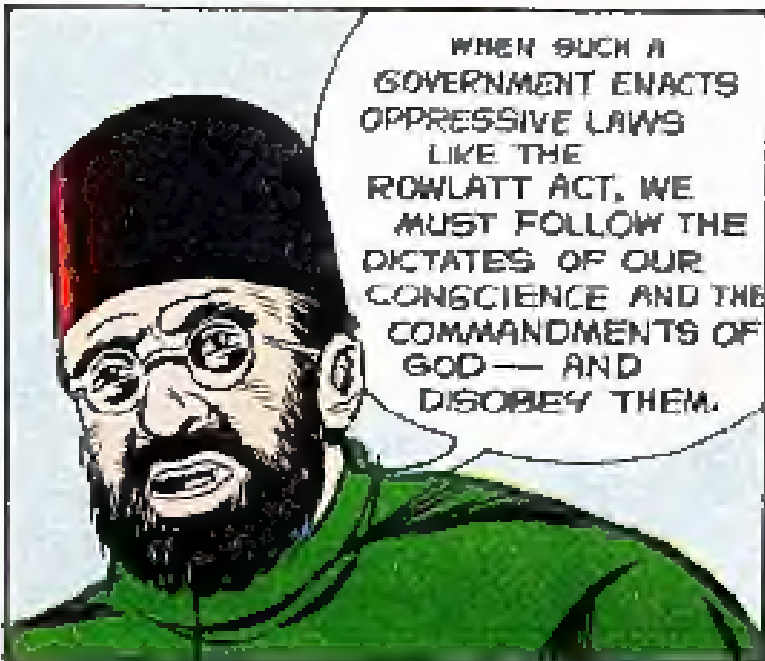
MARCH 30, 1919, WAS OBSERVED AS A DAY OF PRAYER AND OF TOTAL ABSTENTION FROM WORK. NO SHOPS WERE OPENED. THE STREETS WERE DESERTED.



IN THE EVENING, AT A MEETING HELD AT JALLIANWALLA BAGH, OVER 30,000 PERSONS WERE PRESENT.



WHEN SUCH A GOVERNMENT ENACTS OPPRESSIVE LAWS LIKE THE ROWLATT ACT, WE MUST FOLLOW THE DICTATES OF OUR CONSCIENCE AND THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD — AND DISOBEY THEM.



BUT WE WILL NOT USE FORCE. TRUTH IS ON OUR SIDE AND IT WILL PREVAIL.

WELL SAID, DR. SAHEB!



THE MEETING OF MARCH 30 WAS A TOTAL SUCCESS. THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE.

WE ARE SIMPLE PEOPLE... BUT DRUNK WITH THE LOVE OF FREEDOM...

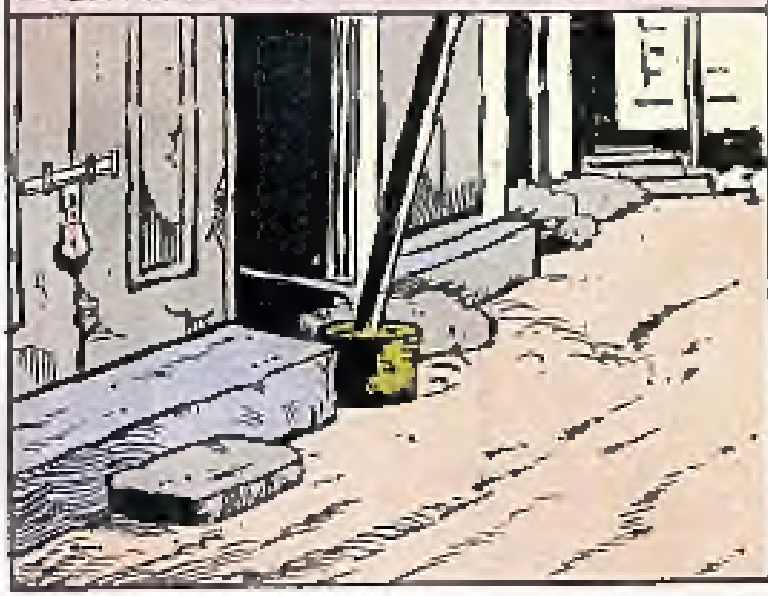
WE WILL OBTAIN IT EVEN AT THE COST OF OUR LIVES. WE WILL NOT BE DAUNTED BY GUNS OR SPEARS.



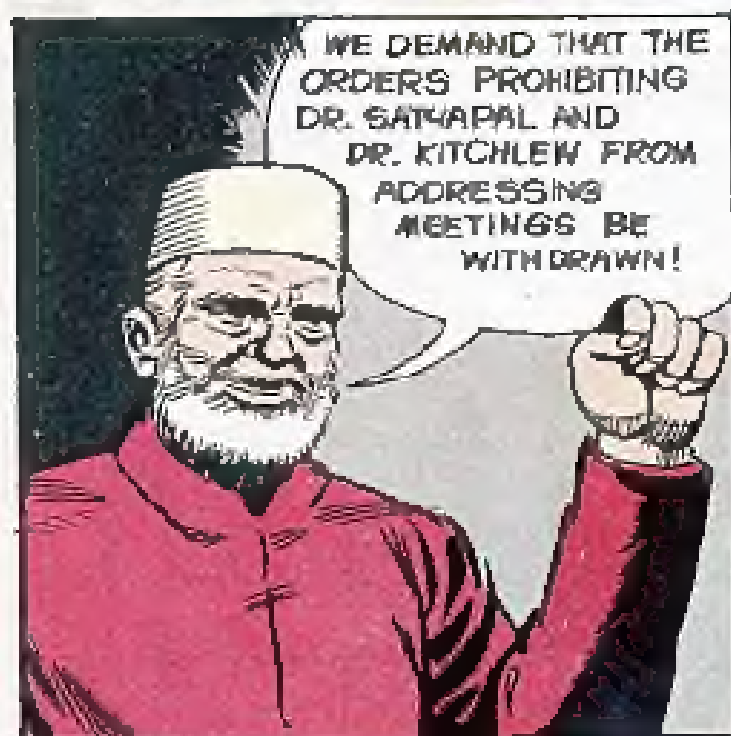
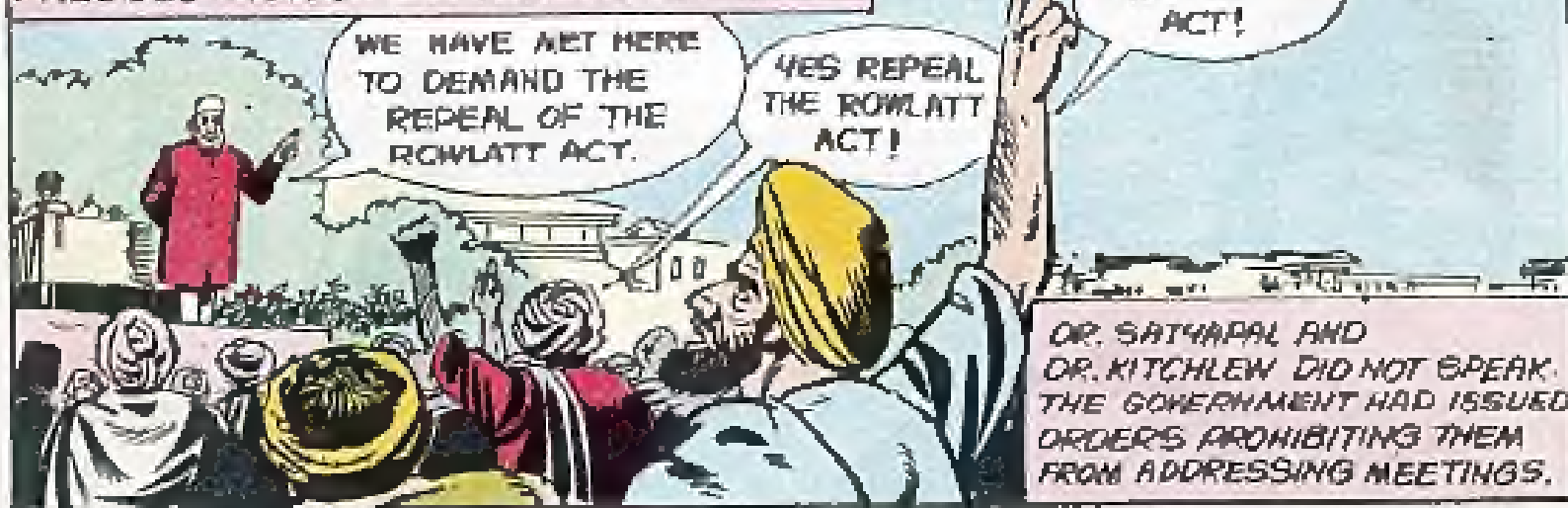
SOON AFTER, THERE WAS NEWS THAT THE DATE OF THE HARTAL HAD ACTUALLY BEEN POSTPONED BY SANDHVI TO APRIL 6, TO GIVE THE WHOLE COUNTRY TIME TO PREPARE.



ON APRIL 6, THE HARTAL WAS AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE PREVIOUS ONE.



LATER THAT DAY, NEARLY 50,000 PERSONS ATTENDED THE MEETING WHICH WAS PRESIDED OVER BY DR. BADRUL ISLAM KHAN.



MR. IRVING, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF AMRITSAR, WAS A WORRIED MAN.



HMM—THESE MEN, KITCHLEW AND SATYAPAL, SEEM TO HAVE A TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE OVER THE PEOPLE. THEY JUST CALL FOR A HARTAL AND THE PEOPLE OBEY...

THE DAY PASSED OFF QUIETLY WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE; BUT THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BELIEVED THAT THE HARTAL WAS THE FIRST STEP, A TEST OF STRENGTH—AND WORSE WAS TO FOLLOW.



IF A RIOT WERE TO BREAK OUT, OUR GARRISON WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT EVEN TO DEFEND THE CIVIL LINES. WE MIGHT THEN HAVE TO ABANDON NINE-TENTHS OF THE CITY!

ACCORDINGLY HE WROTE TO HIS SUPERIOR TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS.

APRIL 9 WAS RAM NAVAMI DAY. ON THIS HINDU FESTIVAL, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, A LARGE ORDERLY PROCESSION OF HINDUS, MUSLIMS AND SIKHS WALKED THROUGH CROWDED STREETS.



GANDHI MAHARAJ
KI JAI.

KITCHLEWJI
KI JAI.

SATYAPALJI
KI JAI.

HINDUS PUBLICLY ACCEPTED WATER FROM MUSLIMS.



HINDU—MUSALMAN
KI JAI!

HINDU—MUSALMAN
KI JAI!

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER WITNESSED THE SCENE FROM THE VERANDAH OF A BUILDING.

THESE TWO COMMUNITIES FRATERNIZING—THAT'S A BAD SIGN...



WHEN THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER WAS SEEN IN THE VERANDAH ABOVE, THE BRASS BAND STARTED PLAYING "GOD SAVE THE KING."



SOMETHING IS WRONG HERE. I HAVE A SUSPICION THEY ARE JEERING AT US!



BUT BY AND LARGE, THE CROWDS BEHAVED IN A DISCIPLINED FASHION.

THAT SAME EVENING WHEN MR. IRVING, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, RETURNED TO HIS BUNGALOW—

AN ORDER FROM GENERAL O'DWYER TO DEPORT DR. SATYAPAL AND KITCHLEW TO DHARAMSALA!



IRVING CALLED A CONFERENCE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AT HIS BUNGALOW.

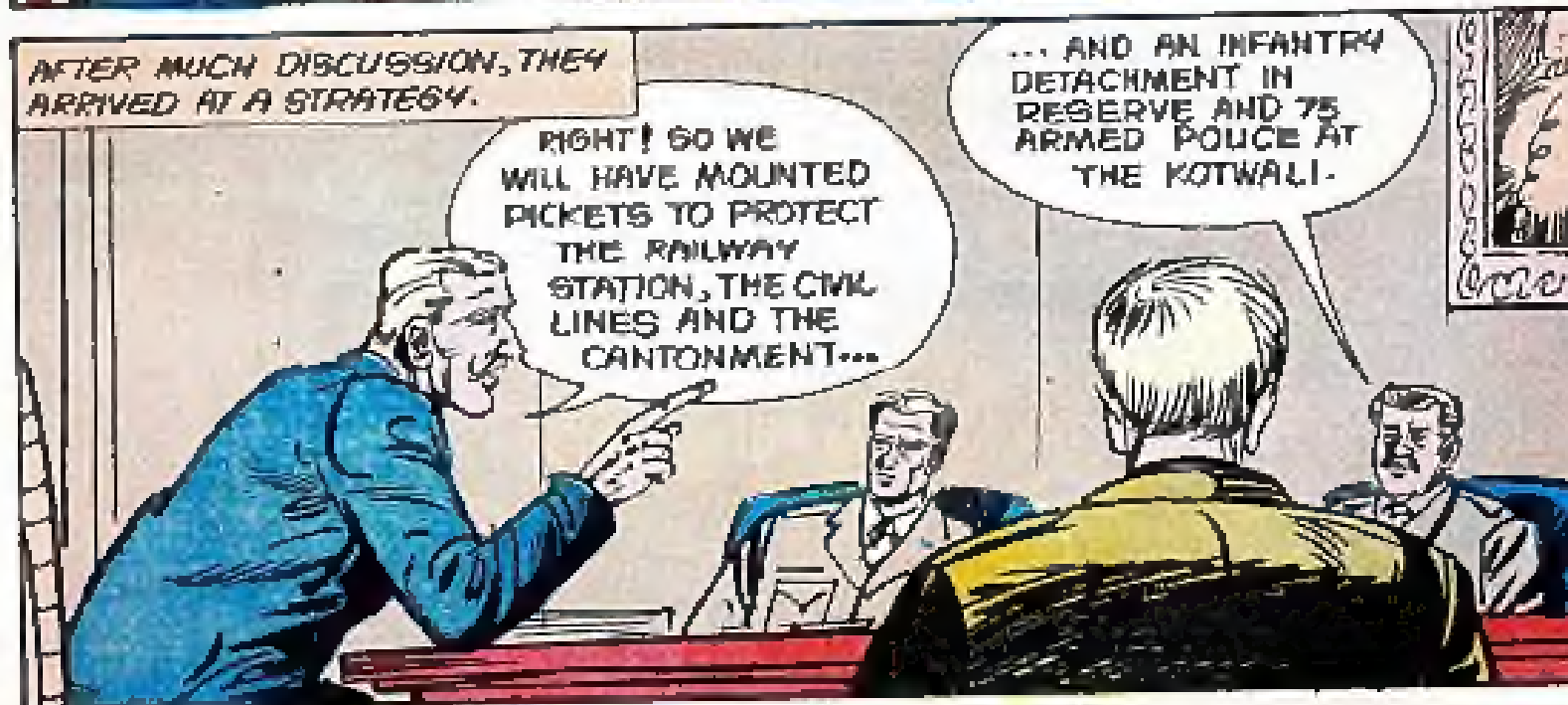
IF WE DEPORT KITCHLEW AND SATYAPAL I EXPECT TROUBLE WHEN PEOPLE GET WIND OF IT. WHAT SHOULD WE DO? ANY IDEAS?



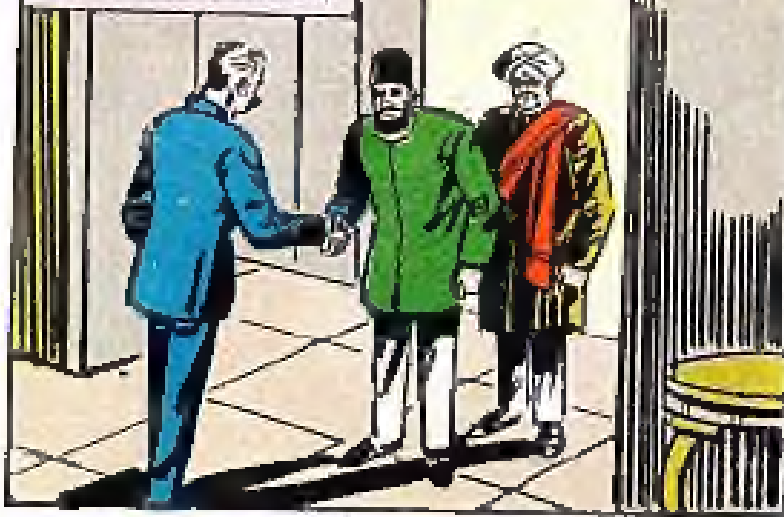
AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, THEY ARRIVED AT A STRATEGY.

RIGHT! SO WE WILL HAVE MOUNTED PICKETS TO PROTECT THE RAILWAY STATION, THE CIVIL LINES AND THE CANTONMENT...

... AND AN INFANTRY DETACHMENT IN RESERVE AND 75 ARMED POLICE AT THE KOTWALI.



ON APRIL 10, KITCHLEW AND SATYAPAL WERE CALLED TO THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S BUNGALOW ON THE PRETEXT THAT IT WAS FOR A DISCUSSION.



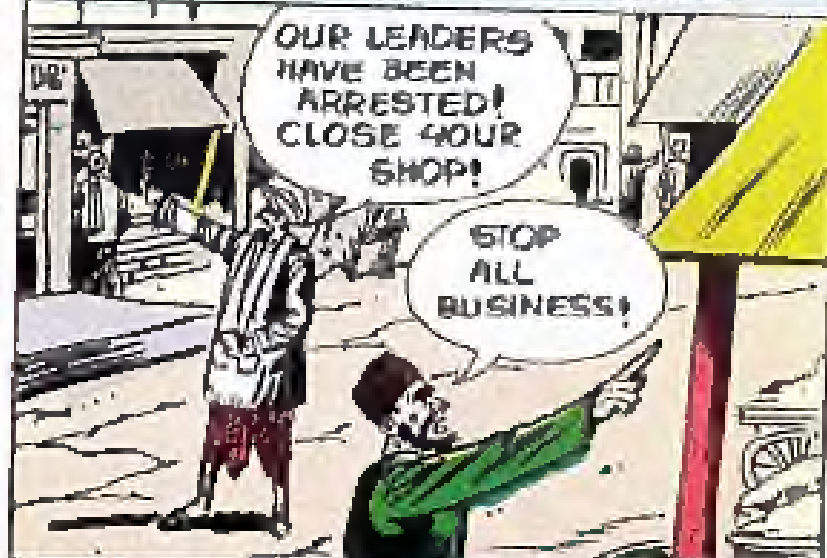
SOON AFTER, THEY WERE PLACED IN TWO SEPARATE MOTOR CARS AND DRIVEN AWAY UNDER A BRITISH ESCORT DISGUISED AS A SHOOTING PARTY.



IN SPITE OF ALL THESE PRECAUTIONS, THE NEWS SPREAD WITHIN AN HOUR.



EXCITED GROUPS OF PEOPLE BEGAN TO GATHER IN THE STREETS TO PROTEST.



SOON THE CROWDS SNOWBALLED FROM SMALL STRAGGLING NUMBERS TO 50,000. THEY WERE ORDINARY UNARMED CITIZENS.



WE MUST RESTORE OUR LEADERS TO US.

WE MUST HAVE OUR LEADERS BACK OR WE MUST BE PREPARED TO DIE!

THEY PASSED A NUMBER OF EUROPEANS ON THE WAY, BUT THE CROWD TOOK NO NOTICE OF THEM. THEY WERE INTERESTED ONLY IN AIRING THEIR GRIEVANCES.

WE WILL TALK TO THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER! WHERE ARE OUR LEADERS? WE WANT THEM BACK.

THIS CROWD WALKED THROUGH THE STREETS, TOWARDS THE CIVIL LINES — PAS, THE HALL BAZAAR AND THE BANKS TILL THEY REACHED THE CARRIAGE-BRIDGE:

LOOK!

THERE ARE MOUNTED TROOPS ON THE CARRIAGE-BRIDGE!

... AND THE TROOPS RETREATED OVER THE BRIDGE. THE CROWD FOLLOWED THEM.

THEY WON'T LET US ENTER THE CIVIL LINES!

KEEP MOVING! DON'T BE AFRAID.

LIKE A TYPHOON THE EXCITED CROWD SURGED FORWARD...

WHEN THEY WERE ABOUT TO REACH THE
OTHER END OF THE BRIDGE, THE
ENEMY SAW THEM AND OPENED FIRE.
THEY WERE HIT AND FELL OFF THE
BRIDGE.



THEY SAW THE ENEMY AND WERE
WOUNDED

HELP!

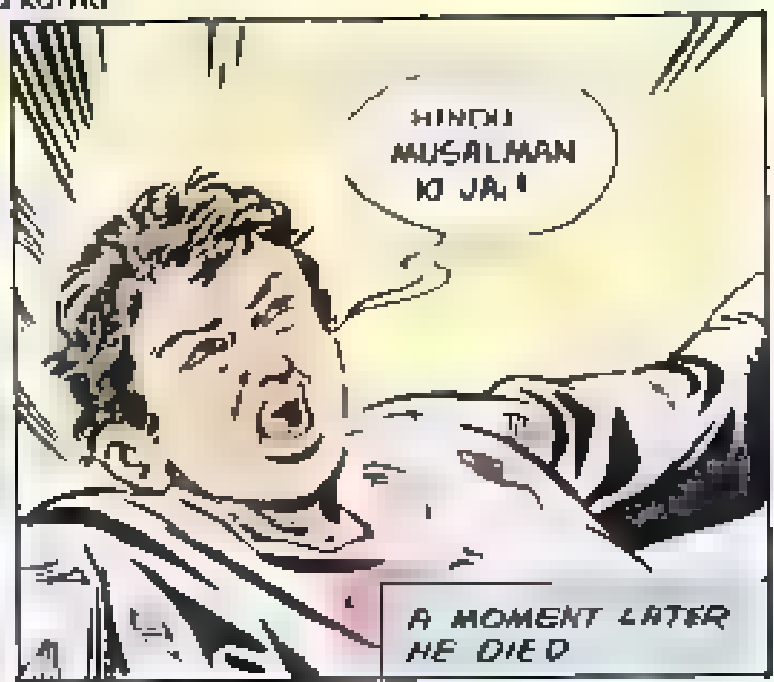
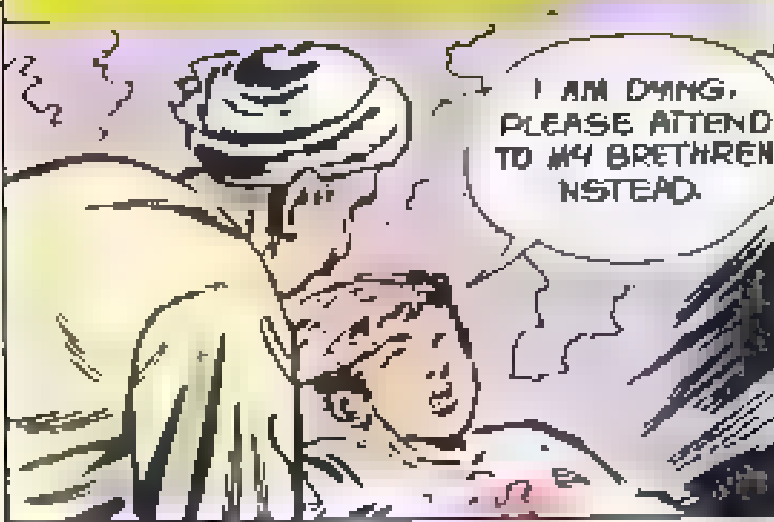
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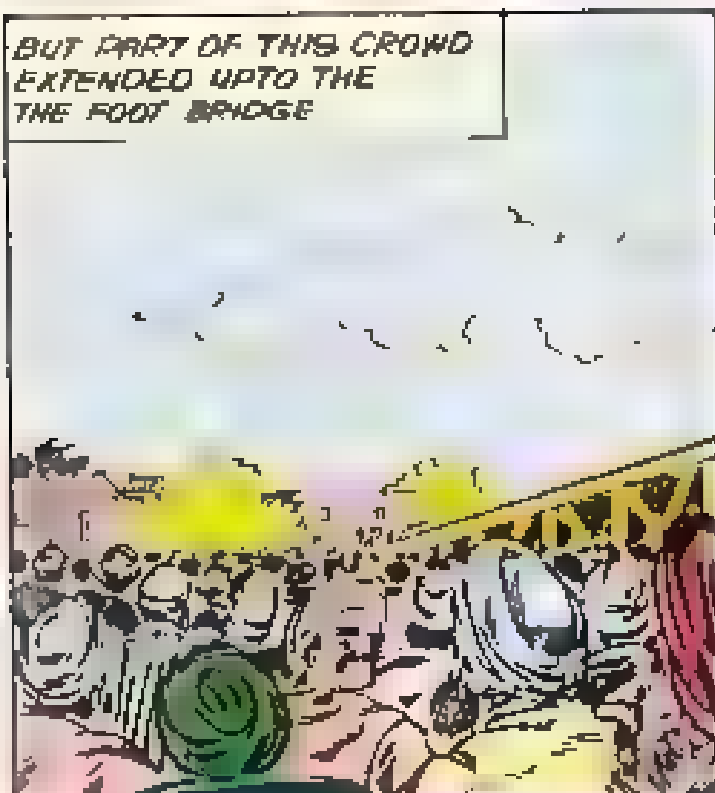
ONE OF THEM, A BOY OF SIXTEEN, LAY
BARELY WOUNDED. DR DHANPAT PAI WHO
WAS PRESENT WENT TO HELP HIM, BUT
HE ONLY WAVED HIM ASIDE.



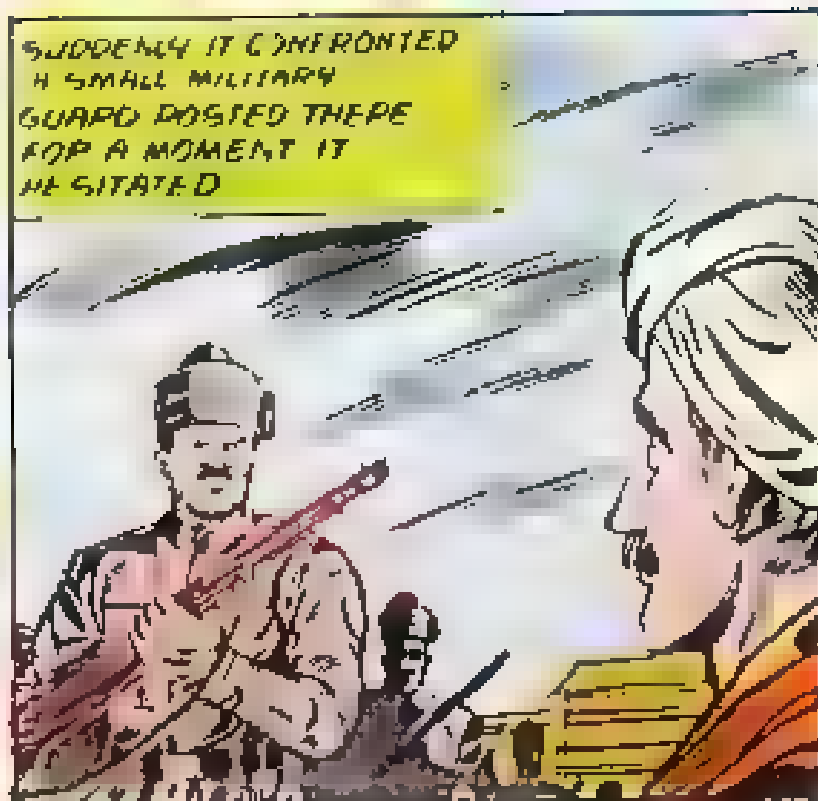
MEANWHILE PEOPLE HAD
GATHERED AT OTHER PLACES
TOO. AT AITCHISON PARK,
PROMINENT CITIZENS
SUCCEEDED IN KEEPING
THE CROWDS PEACEFUL
THOUGH MORE THAN
30,000 PERSONS HAD
GATHERED THERE.



BUT PART OF THIS CROWD
EXTENDED UP TO THE
THE FOOT BRIDGE



SUDDENLY IT CONFRONTED
A SMALL MILITARY
GUARD POSTED THERE
FOR A MOMENT IT
HE SITATED



BUT THEN BEGAN TO MOVE FORWARD SOME PEOPLE BEGAN TO THROW STONES AT THE MILITARY GUARD.

LET US PASS

WE WANT TO MEET THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER!

THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE MR DLOMER WAS IN CHARGE OF THIS WALK.

STAND BACK! WE WILL FIRE ONLY IF YOU DISOBEY MY ORDER!

SOME LAWYERS IMMEDIATELY CALLED OUT

PLEASE DO NOT FIRE, SIR!

WE WILL LEAD THE PEOPLE BACK TO THE TOWN

BY 2.30 PM ON APRIL 10, CROWDS WERE TO BE SEEN EVERYWHERE ON THE CARRIAGE BRIDGE.

ON THE FOOT BRIDGE..



DISORGANISED, LEADERLESS, THE CROWD HAD NOW BECOME A MORE GAYNUS OF TEN TO THIRTY MEN ARMED WITH LATHIS AND SPIKES ATTACKED THE RAILWAY GOODS WARE



AND THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE



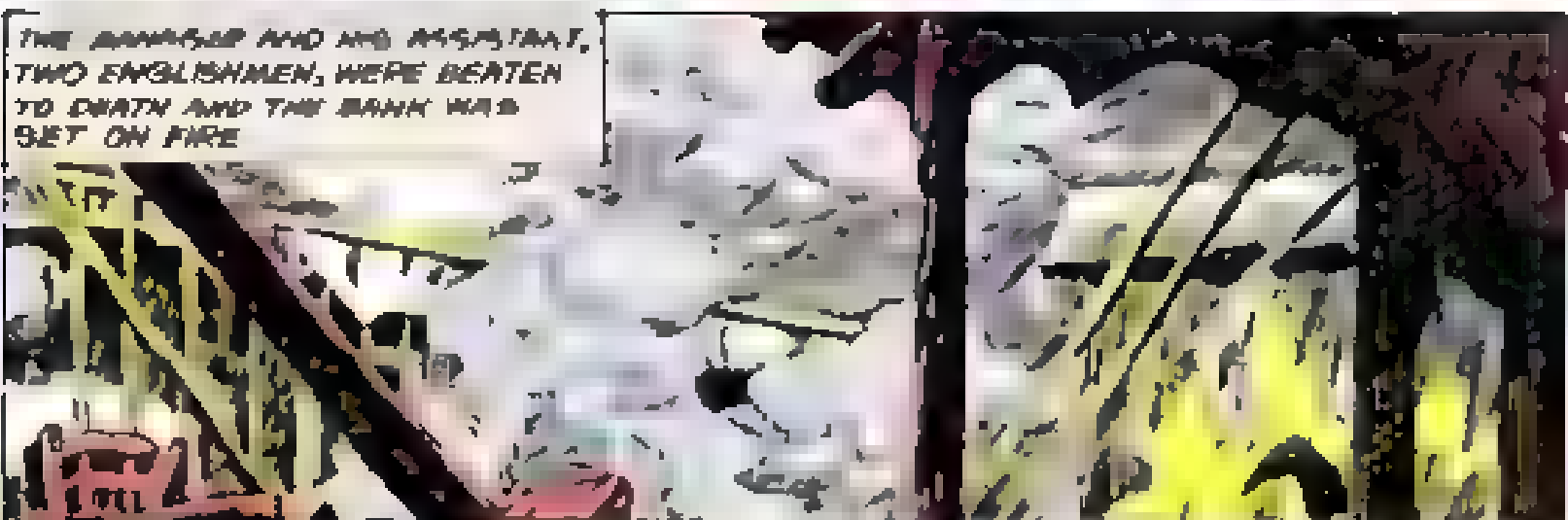
AS THE CROWDS IN HALL BAZAAR PASSED THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA SOME OF THEM THREW A BOMB AT ONE OF ITS WINDOWS



THAT SEEMED TO ACT LIKE A SIGNAL THE MOOD OF THE CROWD CHANGED SUDDENLY IT TURNED VIOLENT



THE MANAGER AND HIS ASSISTANT, TWO ENGLISHMEN, WERE BEATEN TO DEATH AND THE BANK WAS SET ON FIRE



TWO OTHER BANKS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WERE ALSO ATTACKED AND LOOTED INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THESE BANKS WERE VERY CLOSE TO THE POLICE STATION WHICH WAS IN THE CHARGE OF TWO INDIAN OFFICERS THEY DID NOT LIFT A FINGER TO HELP

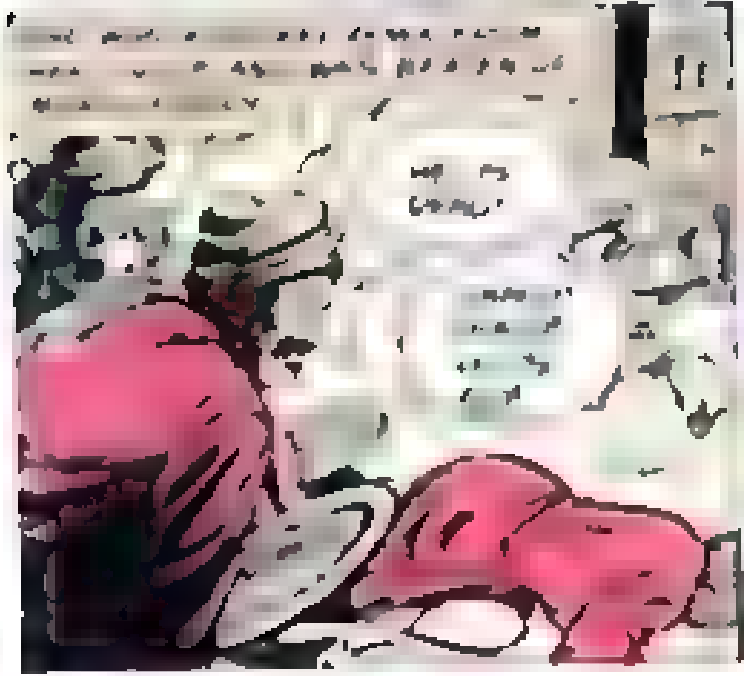
OF ONE PLACE THE SPYER IS CAPTAIN
HE TOWNS ARE ATTACKED OUT

OF, HER ALIVE THE
FROM THE
AND A FURTHER
CURRENT

WENT! ALL
RIGHT, LET'S
MOVE ON!



BUT IN HIS PLACE THE SOLDIERS LEFT
ALL STATION AS THEY WERE BY THE
AND THE SOLDIERS WERE BY THE
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SHE WAS ABANDONED ON THE SPOT
AND THE SOLDIERS WERE BY THE
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AND THE SOLDIERS WERE BY THE



BUT HER CONDITION WAS SO
BAD THAT SHE WAS SERIOUSLY
ILL FOR A LONG TIME AFTER

THEY WERE ONLY THE FIRST SOLDIERS AND DISTURBANCE
IN THE CITY. THE CITY WAS IN A STATE OF
PANIC AND THE SOLDIERS WERE BY THE
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AND THE SOLDIERS WERE BY THE



THEY WERE SAFELY
INSTALLED AT THE FORT BY
EVENING THAT DAY

AT 3.30 PM ON APRIL 10 MAJOR MACDONALD, COLLECTED A NUMBER OF BARRICK AND YES, FROM LAMORE WITH 175 BALUCHIS AND 125 BRITISH INFANTRY



EMERGENCY GENERAL DVER HAS BEEN SENT, IT, PULLED TO AMRITSAR, AIR RIVING.



YES, I RECEIVED THE MESSAGE TILL DVER ARRIVES YOU WILL HAVE TO MANAGE



THAT NIGHT, MAJOR MACDONALD PROCEEDED TO PATROL THE CITY.



ALL QUIET IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE PEOPLE HAD TURNED VIOLENT ONLY YESTERDAY



ON APRIL 11, MORE TROOPS ARRIVED AND THEY WERE SENT TO RELIEVE THE OTHERS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY. THAT EVENING, TWO AEROPLANES FLEW OVER AMRITSAR



**“After over a 100 tests,
how could a white shoe cleaner
possibly matter to me?”**



You'd be surprised!"

“When I was getting ready to play my first test, someone I admired said to me, ‘Get careless about your kit and turnout and you’ll soon get careless about the game as well.’”

“I made a lot of sense to them then. And I still do today.”

“Sure, you want to put all your energy into getting better and better at the game. But don’t forget you’re a sportsman first. And what kind of sportsman would you be if you couldn’t spare a bit of time to look like one?”

“Take a look at me, when you come perfectly dressed, you feel good, you look like a sportsman, you feel like a winner.”

“It is a wonder that I still think the kit matters so much to me, after all these years after a 100 tests!”



Be a sportsman... down to your feet!"

CHERRY WHITE CLEANER

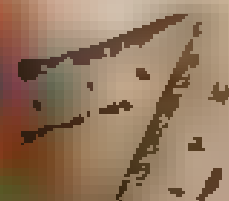
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THE PEOPLE OF AMRITSAR WERE APPALLED AT WHAT HAD HAPPENED. THEY PUT THE BLAME ON THE GOVERNMENT

IN BANKS AND SHOPS WHERE THERE WAS LOOTING AND ARSON THE GOVERNMENT DID NOTHING!

YET AT OTHER PLACES INNOCENT PEOPLE WERE SHOT!

WHAT CAN A GOVERNMENT DO WHEN PEOPLE START LOOTING. MAHBOOL?

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, FOR A START IT SHOULD NOT DEPORT THE PEOPLE WHO STAND FOR NON-VIOLENCE AND WHO COULD ACT AS THE CONSCIENCE OF THE PEOPLE

LATER THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CALLED SEVERAL RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS WHO WARNED THEM OF THE DIRE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT USING THEIR INFLUENCE TO MAINTAIN PEACE. MAHBOOL MAHMOUD TRIED TO EXPRESS HIS FEELINGS ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED

WE ARE VERY SORRY, SIR. THAT SO MANY PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES

WE HAVE SEEN THE BODIES OF OUR DEAD CHARRED — AND YOU ARE SORRY NOW! YOU OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN SORRY WHEN YOU WERE ATTENDING THOSE FOOLISH MEETINGS OF YOURS!

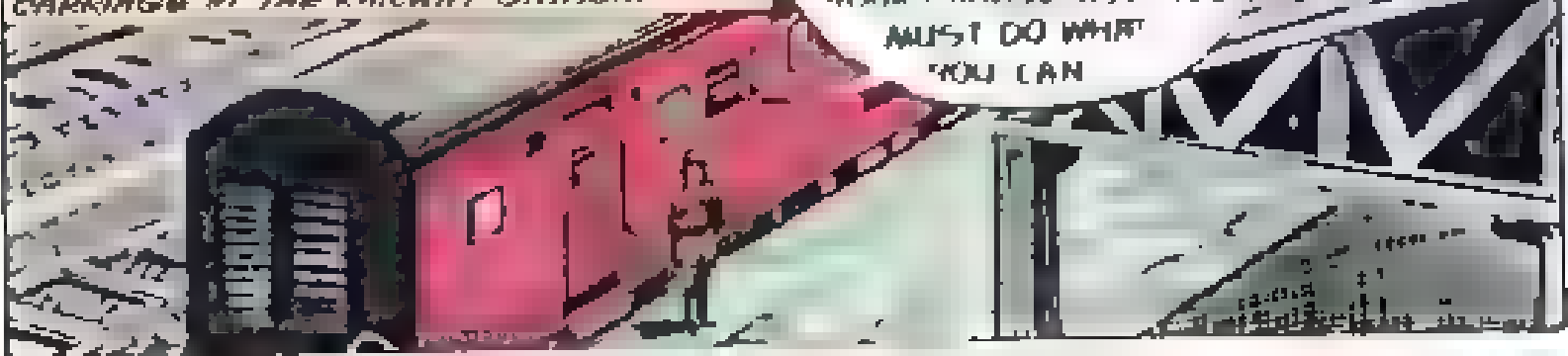
LATER AS THEY WERE LEAVING —

AND WHAT ABOUT OUR DEAD? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM?

SHUSH! THEY STILL HAVE THE MIGHT, THOUGH THEY LACK THE NUMBERS. ONE DAY WE WILL BE FREE OF THEM. THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOURN OUR INNOCENT DEAD AND THEIRS!

ADMIRAL GENERAL DYER ARRIVED IN AMSTERSDAM AT 9 P.M. ON APRIL 8. HE HAD A HURRIED CONFERENCE WITH THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE THAT VERY NIGHT IN A RAILWAY CARRIAGE AT THE RAILWAY STATION.

THE WHOLE CITY IS HOSTILE TO THE BRITISH. WE ARE BESIEGED. CIVIL AUTHORITY HAS COME TO AN END. THE CITY IS IN YOUR CHARGE NOW YOU MUST DO WHAT YOU CAN



ACCORDINGLY DYER TOOK CHARGE ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 12

SEND AEROPLANES TO SURVEY THE CITY FROM THE AIR AND REPORT ON THE ACTIVITY ON THE STREETS

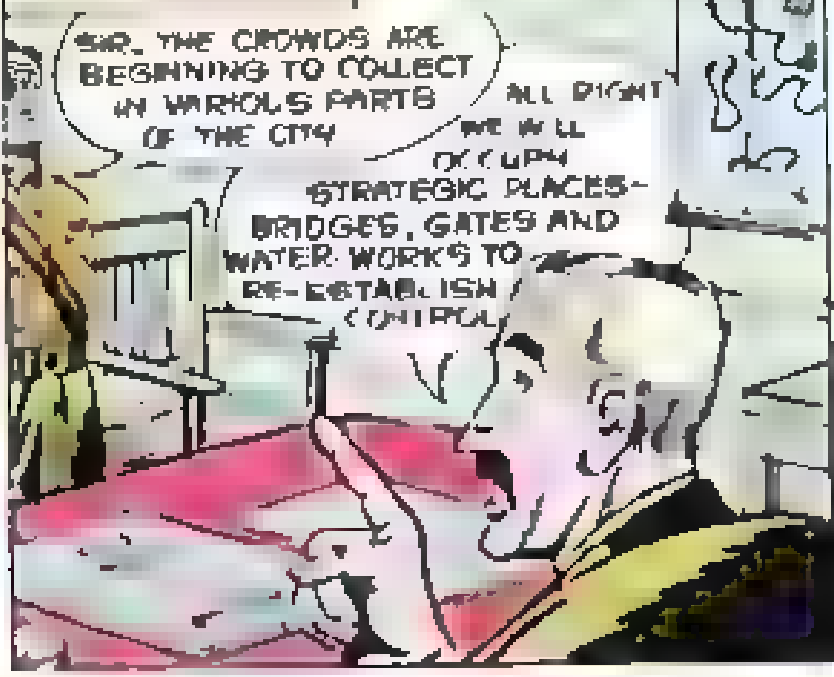


SOON HE RECEIVED REPORTS OF THE AERIAL SURVEY.

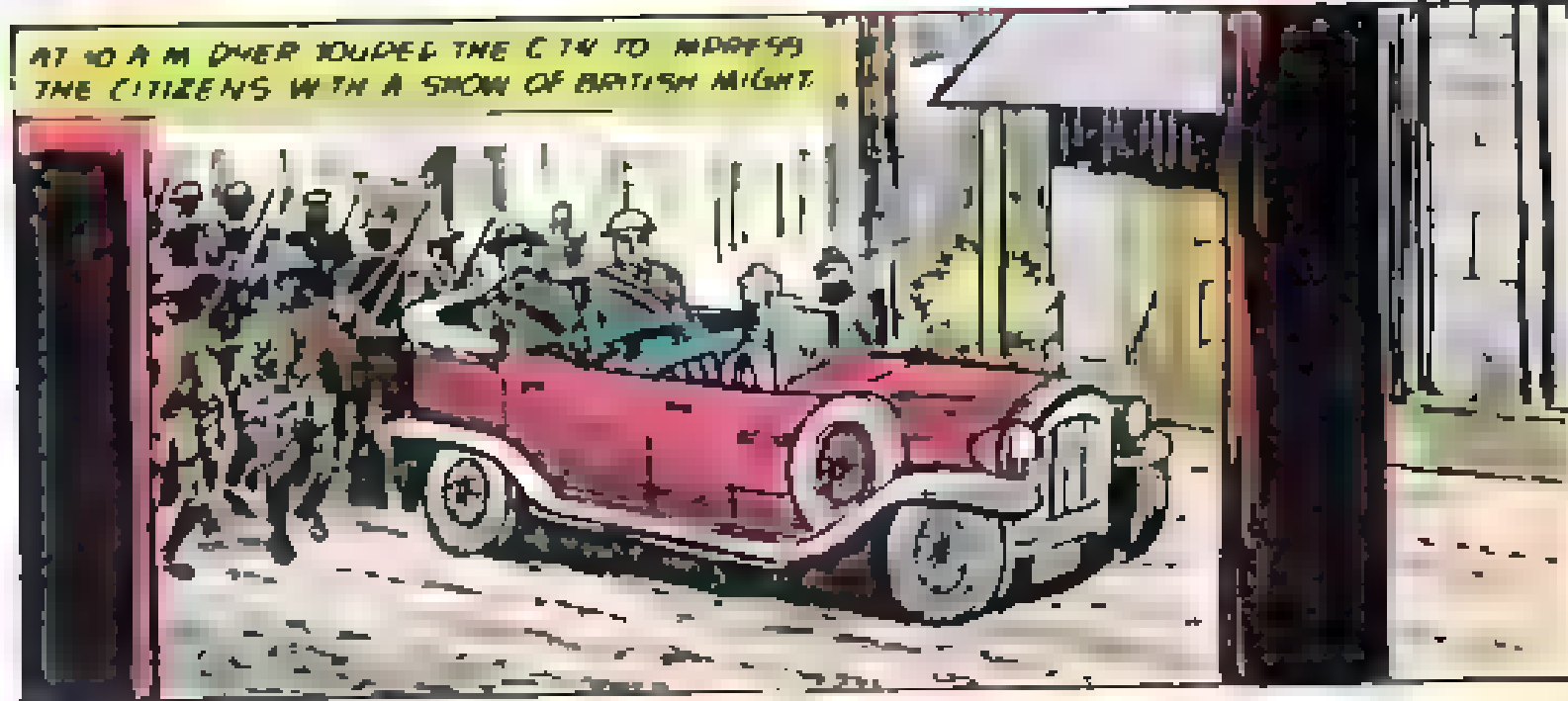
SIR, THE CROWDS ARE BEGINNING TO COLLECT IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY

ALL RIGHT WE WILL OCCUPY

STRATEGIC PLACES - BRIDGES, GATES AND WATER WORKS TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTROL



AT 10 A.M. DYER TOLD THE CITY TO MARCH THE CITIZENS WITH A SHOW OF BRITISH MIGHT.



ON THE WAY HE SAW THE CROWD
BEHAVED INSOLENTLY. IT SPAT ON
THE GROUND BEFORE THE SOLDIERS.



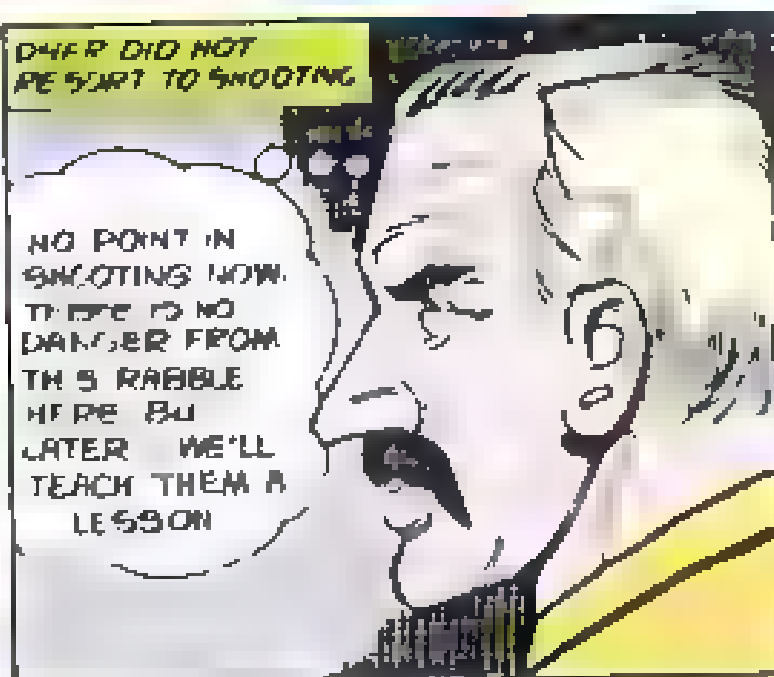
IN UNITY LIES
OUR
STRENGTH!

HINDU MUSALMAN
KI JAI!



DYER DID NOT
RESORT TO SHOOTING

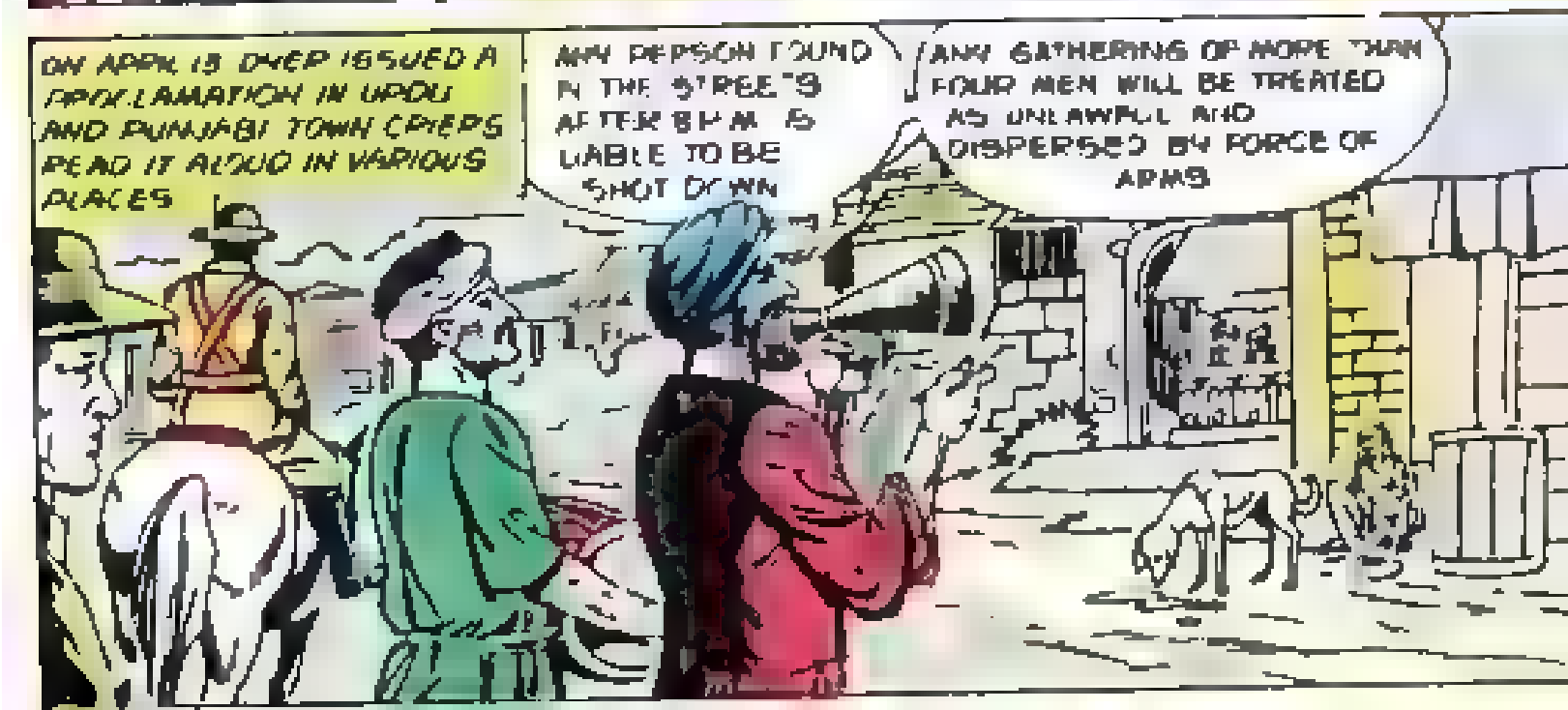
NO POINT IN
SHOOTING NOW.
THERE IS NO
DANGER FROM
THIS RABBLE
HERE BUT
LATER WE'LL
TEACH THEM A
LESSON



ON APRIL 13 DYER ISSUED A
DECLARATION IN UPUJI
AND PUNJABI TOWN CRIES
READ IT ALOUD IN VARIOUS
PLACES

ANY PERSON FOUND
IN THE STREETS
AFTER 8 P.M. IS
LIABLE TO BE
SHOT DOWN

ANY GATHERING OF MORE THAN
FOUR MEN WILL BE TREATED
AS UNLAWFUL AND
DISPERSED BY FORCE OF
ARMS



IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS TWO MEN WENT ROUND THE CITY BANGING AN EMPTY TIN AND CALLING OUT—

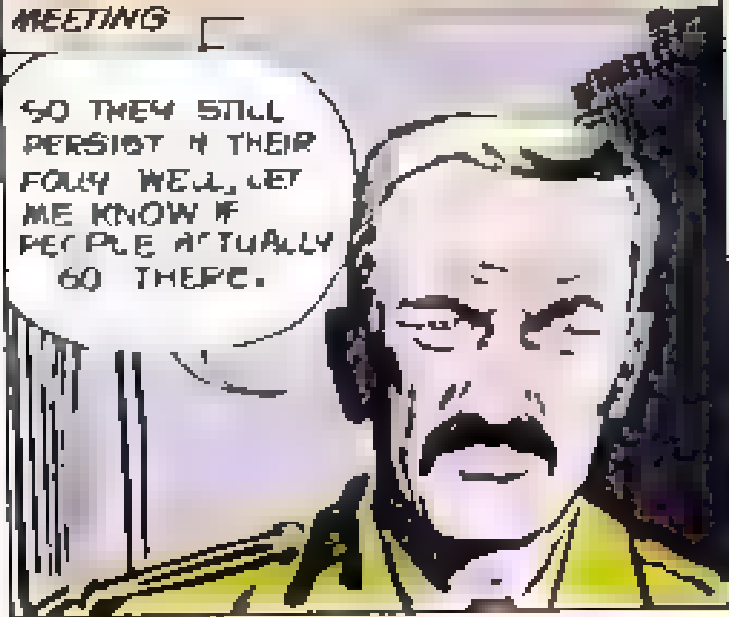
A MEETING WILL BE HELD AT JALLIANWALLA BAGH AT 4.30 P.M. ALL ARE WELCOME

MESSAGES FROM KITCHENJI AND GANAPAIJI WILL BE READ OUT



DYER WAS INFORMED OF THE PROPOSED MEETING

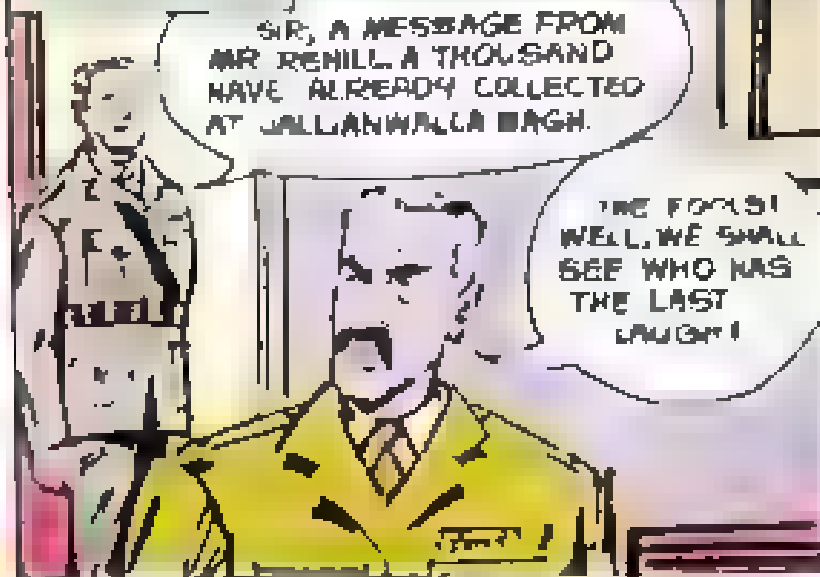
SO THEY STILL PERSIST IN THEIR FOOLY WELL, LET ME KNOW IF PEOPLE ACTUALLY GO THERE.



AT 4.00 P.M., DYER RECEIVED MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION

SIR, A MESSAGE FROM MR. RENIL A THOUSAND HAVE ALREADY COLLECTED AT JALLIANWALLA BAGH.

THE FOOLSI WELL, WE SHALL SEE WHO HAS THE LAST LAUGH!



JALLIANWALLA BAGH WAS SITUATED IN THE HEART OF THE TOWN ALL AROUND IT THERE WERE HOUSES WHICH MADE IT AN ALMOST FULLY ENCLOSED AREA THERE WERE JUST THREE OR FOUR NARROW OPENINGS TO IT AT VARIOUS PLACES



THEY WERE ALL THERE AND THEY WERE ALL THERE
AND THEY WERE ALL THERE AND THEY WERE ALL THERE
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CITIZENS. HAVEN'T WE ANY RIGHTS?

I HOPE THERE
WILL BE NO
TROUBLE AT
THE MEETING
THEY SAY THE
MILITARY HAVE
MADE A LOT OF
PREPARATIONS!



SOON THE CROWD SWELLED INTO A BIG
GATHERING. THERE WERE TEENAGED
BOYS AND CHILDREN.

LET US HEAR
THE MESSAGES

KITCHLEWJI KI
JAI!

SATYAPAL
KI JAI!



THEY WERE ALL THERE AND THEY WERE ALL THERE
AND THEY WERE ALL THERE AND THEY WERE ALL THERE
AND THEY WERE ALL THERE AND THEY WERE ALL THERE
AND THEY WERE ALL THERE AND THEY WERE ALL THERE

IN THE HOLY TANK THEY HAD COME
TO RELAX



ADDRESSED THE GATHERING

FRIENDS, OUR LEADER

LOOKS LARGE IN OUR HEARTS.
IT IS HE WHO NOW PRESIDES
OVER OUR MEETING
THOUGH HE IS NOT



SUDDENLY —

AN
AEROPLANE!



PEOPLE PANICKED, BUT A
POLITICAL WORKER REASSURED
THE CROWD

SIT DOWN ! SIT DOWN ! DON'T
PANIC ! THERE IS NO NEED TO
WORRY. THE PLANE IS
DOING ITS WORK AND
WE WILL CONTINUE
OURS



THE CROWD QUIETENED DOWN

EIGHT SPEAKERS ADDRESSSED THE
GATHERING—

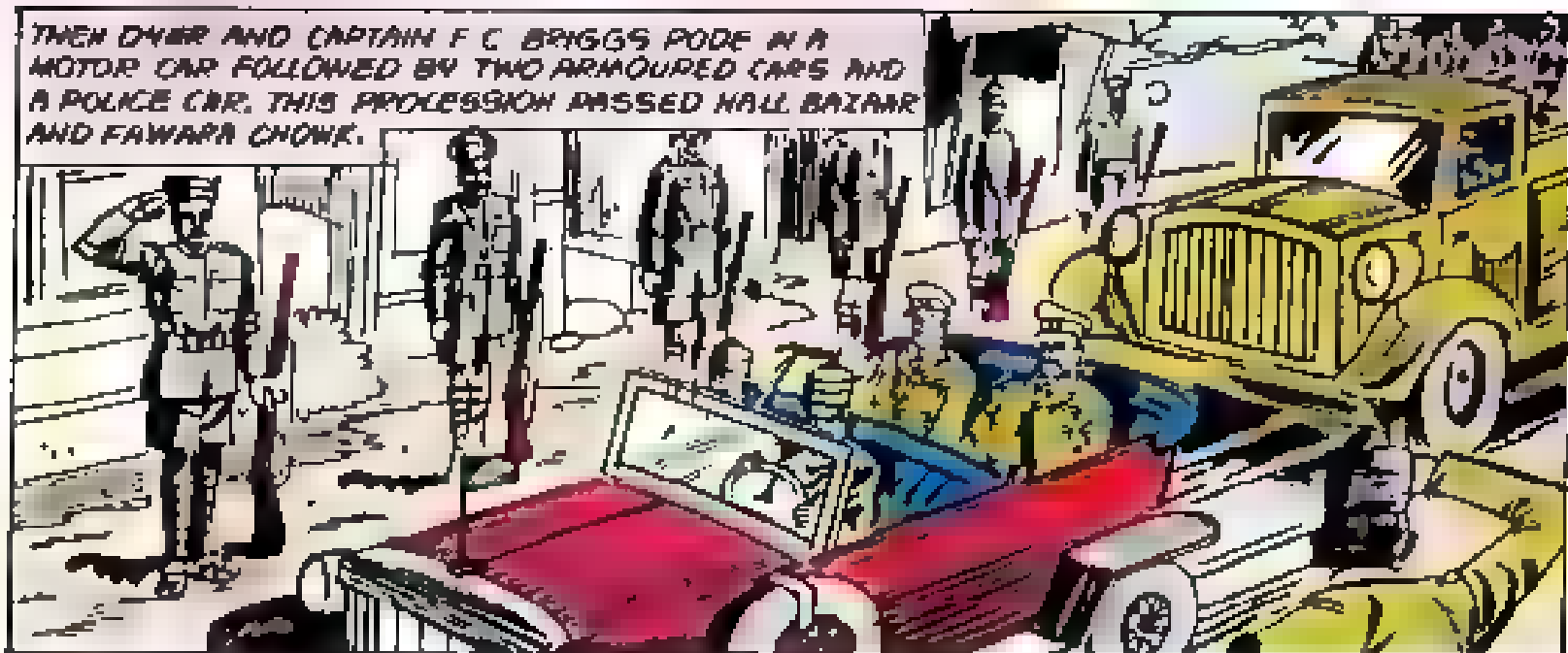
THE FIRING ON INNOCENT PEOPLE
ON APRIL 10 WAS WRONG OUR
SYMPATHY IS WITH THE
PEOPLE WHOSE LOVED
ONES LOST THEIR LIVES...



MEANWHILE, DYER HAD ASSEMBLED A
STRIKING FORCE OF NINETY MEN. AT
4 15P M IT WAS SENT TO
JALLIANWALLA BAGH.



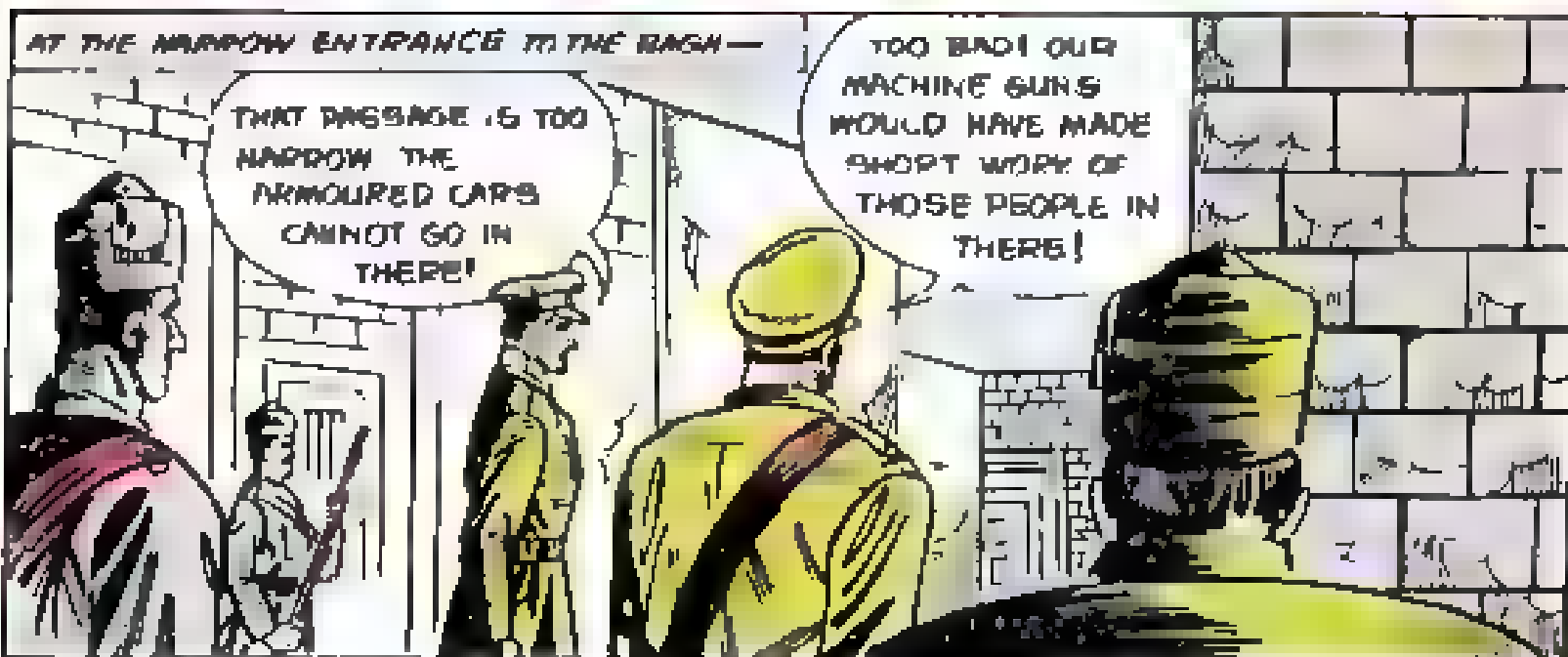
THEN DYER AND CAPTAIN F C BRIGGS POSE IN A MOTOR CAR FOLLOWED BY TWO ARMOURD CARS AND A POLICE CAR. THIS PROCESSION PASSED HALL BAZAAR AND FAWARA CHOWK.



AT THE NARROW ENTRANCE TO THE BASH—

THAT PASSAGE IS TOO
NARROW THE
ARMOURD CARS
CANNOT GO IN
THERE!

TOO BAD! OUR
MACHINE GUNS
WOULD HAVE MADE
SHORT WORK OF
THOSE PEOPLE IN
THERE!



HOWEVER, OUR
ARMED TROOPS WILL
PROBABLY DO JUST
AS WELL!



DYER AND BRIGGS ADVANCED UP THE NARROW PASSAGEWAY FOLLOWED BY THE TROOPS. COMING TO THE END OF THE PASSAGE THEY SAW AN IMMENSE CROWD

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU THINK ARE ASSEMBLED HERE, BRIGGS?

ABOUT 5,000 OR SO, BELIEVE

BUT IT LATER TURNED OUT THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST 15,000.

WITHIN 30 SECONDS DYER DEPLOYED HIS TROOPS - THE GURKHAS TO THE LEFT, AND THE BALUCHIS TO THE RIGHT



AROUND 8 IS THE NINTH ADEPTED DURGA DAS VAID, THE EDITOR OF WAQT, WAS SPEAKING

THE REPRESSIVE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.



HE WAS INTERRUPTED BY ALARMED SHOUTS

THEY HAVE COME! THEY HAVE COME!

OH, GOD!

ARMED SOLDIERS!



SECONDS LATER, GENERAL DYER GAVE THE ORDER -

FIRE!



THERE WAS A FLASH

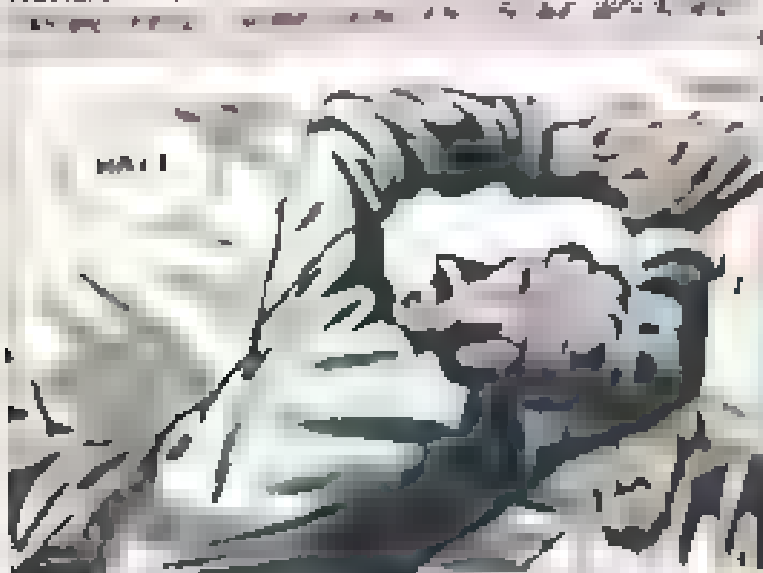


HE HEARD
HIS NAME SHOUTED

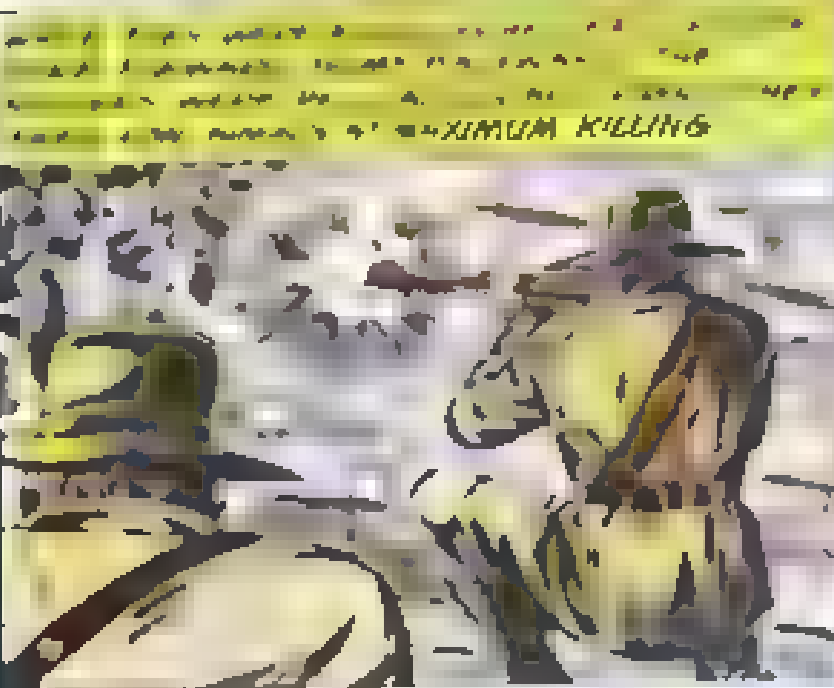
THOSE WERE
BLANK SHOTS!



BUT THE GRIM REALITY OF THE SITUATION WAS
REALISED AS A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE



BUT WHERE COULD THEY GO? THE
SOLDIERS WITH THEIR GUNS WERE
AT THE GATEWAY



THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE SMALL GAPS AMONG THE BUILDINGS SURROUNDING THE BASH AND PEOPLE STARTED RUNNING TOWARDS THOSE



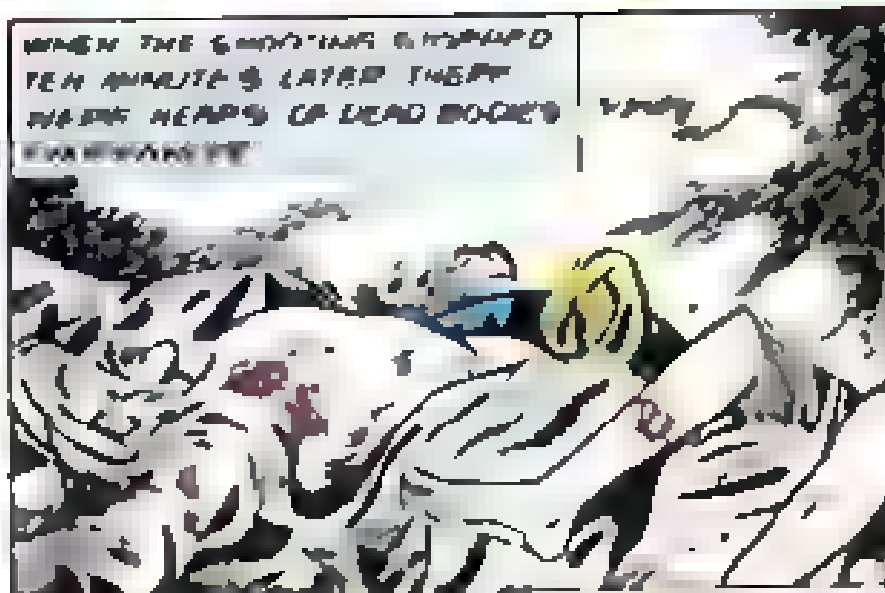
ON OVER'S ORDER THE GUNS WERE LIGHTED STRAIGHT AT THE HAPPAI GAPS THROUGH WHICH PEOPLE WERE TRYING TO ESCAPE.



PEOPLE CONTINUED TO FALL BUT STILL THE SHOOTING DID NOT STOP



WHEN THE SHOOTING STOPPED TEN MINUTE'S LATER THERE WERE HEAPS OF DEAD BODIES EVERYWHERE



AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND THREE TIMES THAT NUMBER WOUNDED

THE WOUNDED CRIED OUT



BUT THE SOLDIERS JUST MARCHED AWAY



EVEN IN A WAR, WOUNDED ENEMY SOLDIERS ARE GIVEN FIRST AID BUT AT ALUWALLA BASH UNARMED CITIZENS WERE ABANDONED TO DIE IN MISERY

TOWARDS NIGHTFALL JALIANWALLA BAGH WAS LIKE A BATTLEFIELD STREAM WITH THE DEAD AND WOUNDED A FEW DID VENTURE TO COME AND LOOK FOR THEIR RELATIVES



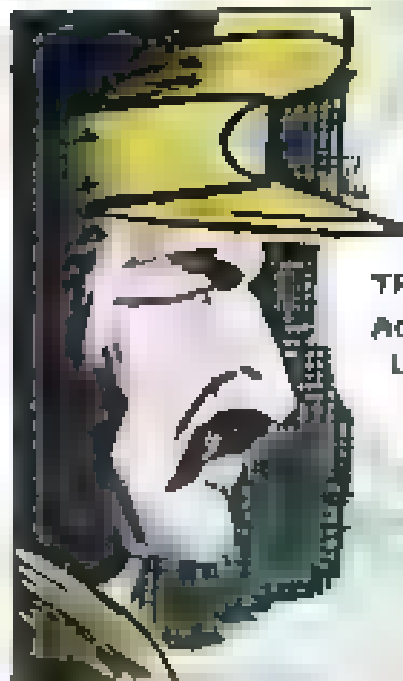
BUT THEY HAD TO GO AWAY SOON FOR FEAR OF BEING FIRED AT AGAIN AFTER THE CURFEW HOUR OF 8:00 P.M.

THAT NIGHT A TRIPARTITE DYER MADE A TOUR OF THE STREETS TO SEE THAT HIS CURFEW ORDERS WERE BEING OBEYED

ALL IS SILENT!
NOT A SOUL TO
BE SEEN! HAVE
SUCCEEDED!



NOW THAT THEY HAVE HAD A TASTE OF BRITISH MIGHT, WILL THEY DARE TRY THEIR OLD TRICKS AGAIN? WILL THEY LOOT OUR BANKS, ILL-TREAT OUR WOMEN? WILL THEY DARE?



ON APRIL 14 AT LUDHIANA, WHERE THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WAS GIVEN A LETTER FROM DYER

*THE MILITARY... OPENING FIRE WITHOUT WARNING FOR TEN MINUTES. I REGRET I WAS NOT PRESENT

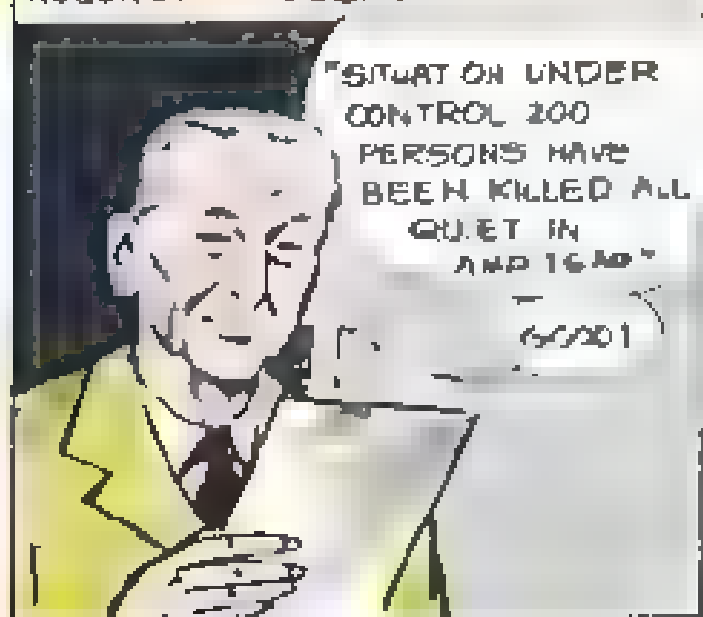
HMM!

AT LAST, MR IRVING HAD REALIZED WHAT IT MEANT TO RELY ON MILITARY POWER, HAVING ABDICATED FROM HIS CIVILIAN DUTIES.

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR ALSO RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM DYER

"SITUATION UNDER CONTROL 200 PERSONS HAVE BEEN KILLED ALL QUIET IN AMB 1640"

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WHAT HAPPENED AT JALLIANWALLA BAGH CAME TO BE TERMED "A FRIGHTFUL ACT" BY ALL RIGHT MINDED BRITISH PEOPLE. BUT THE GOVERNMENT REMAINED UNPERTURBED. EVERY ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO COVER UP THE "FRIGHTFULNESS" OF THE ACT.

ONLY 200 DEAD? WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT? WE HAVE PREVENTED A RECURRENCE OF "EXCESSES". WE HAVE CRUSHED A REBELLION.

ACTUALLY IT WAS LATER ESTIMATED THAT AT LEAST 1000 HAD DIED, AND 3000 HAD BEEN WOUNDED.

THE WISDOM OF GENERAL DYER'S ACTION HAS BEEN FULLY PROVED BY THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER TROUBLE IN AMRITSAR.

THEY HAD BEEN HOPING FOR SOMETHING LIKE A GENERAL REBELLION THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF NORTHERN INDIA!

THE BRITISH TRIED TO SUPPRESS THE JALLIANWALLA BAGH INCIDENT. THERE WAS CENSORSHIP IN THE INDIAN PAPERS AND BEFORE THEY WERE ALLOWED FREELY INTO PUNJAB. BUT NEWS WENT ROUND BY WORD OF MOUTH, ALL THE SAME.

THE JALLIANWALLA BAGH INCIDENT DID ENORMOUS HARM TO THE BRITISH IMAGE IN INDIA. IT DESTROYED THE TRUST WHICH HAD ALWAYS BEEN IN BRITISH FAIR PLAY AND JUSTICE. NOW HIS CONFIDENCE IN IT WAS SHAKEN.

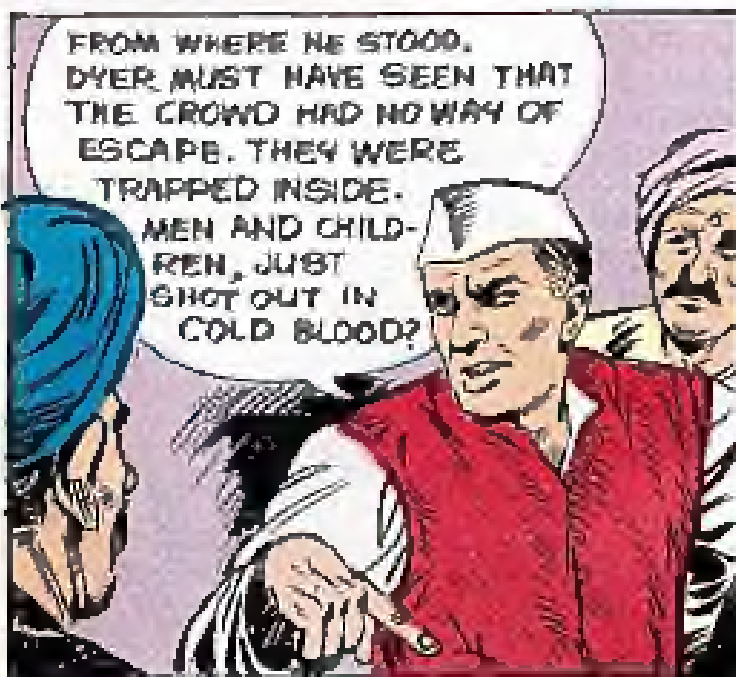
ARE INNOCENT PERSONS, WHO CAME TO HEAR THEIR LEADERS SPEAK, TO BE TREATED AS CRIMINALS? AND DO THEY HAVE TO BE SCAPEGOATS FOR THE ACTS OF THE CRIMINALS?

LEADING CONGRESS MEN DEMANDED THE RIGHT TO ENTER PUNJAB TO INVESTIGATE. WHEN FINALLY THEY WERE ALLOWED TO SEE THE PLACE FOR THEMSELVES, THEY WERE SHOCKED.

THE BULLET MARKS ON THE WALLS SHOW THAT DYER AIMED DIRECTLY WHERE THE FLEEING CROWDS WERE THICKEST! HE MUST HAVE JUST MOWED THEM DOWN!

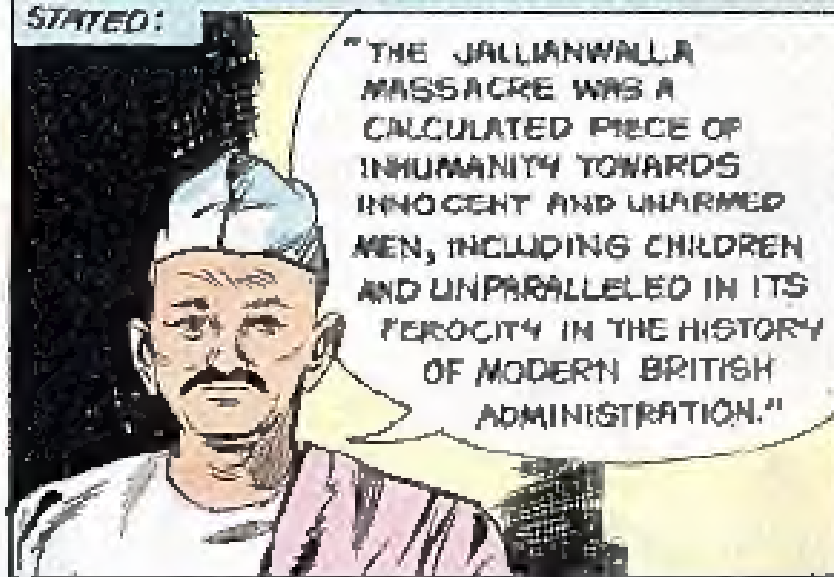


FROM WHERE HE STOOD, DYER MUST HAVE SEEN THAT THE CROWD HAD NO WAY OF ESCAPE. THEY WERE TRAPPED INSIDE. MEN AND CHILDREN, JUST SHOT OUT IN COLD BLOOD?



THE NON-OFFICIAL ENQUIRY COMMITTEE, OF WHICH GANDHIJI WAS AN IMPORTANT MEMBER, STATED:

"THE JALLIANWALLA MASSACRE WAS A CALCULATED PIECE OF INHUMANITY TOWARDS INNOCENT AND UNARMED MEN, INCLUDING CHILDREN AND UNPARALLELED IN ITS FEROCITY IN THE HISTORY OF MODERN BRITISH ADMINISTRATION."



AS THE NEWS SLOWLY TRICKLED THROUGH INDIA, THERE WAS A GENERAL OUTCRY. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT COULD HIDE THE FACTS NO LONGER. FINALLY THE GOVERNMENT WAS FORCED TO SET UP A COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY. IT WAS CALLED THE HUNTER COMMITTEE.

WAS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DISPERSE THE CROWD WITHOUT FIRING?



I COULD HAVE DISPERSED THEM FOR SOME TIME. BUT THEN THEY WOULD ALL HAVE COME BACK AND LAUGHED AT ME AND I CONSIDERED I WOULD BE MAKING MYSELF A FOOL.



THE HUNTER COMMITTEE CRITICISED DYER ON TWO GROUNDS. DYER HAD OPENED FIRE WITHOUT WARNING AND HE HAD GONE ON FIRING AFTER THE CROWD HAD BEGUN TO DISPERSE.

TILL THEN DYER HAD BEEN CONSIDERED A HERO BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, BUT NOW THE TIDE WAS TURNING AGAINST HIM.

HIS ACTION WAS IN EXCESS OF HIS BRIEF. THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACCEPT HIS EXTREME STEP.



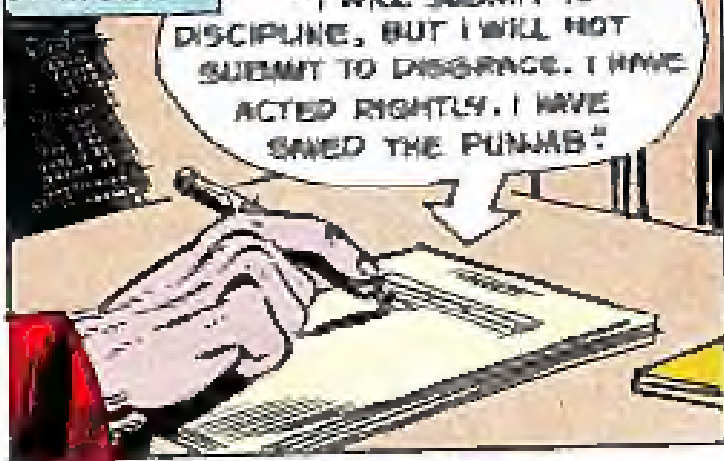
A MONTH LATER DYER RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

YOUR APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO RESIGN FROM YOUR APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



DYER RECEIVED A SHOCK. HE BELIEVED HE HAD DONE THE GOVERNMENT A GREAT SERVICE. HE SENT IN HIS RESIGNATION, BUT ALONG WITH IT HE SENT A LETTER OF PROTEST.

"I WILL SUBMIT TO DISCIPLINE, BUT I WILL NOT SUBMIT TO DISGRACE. I HAVE ACTED RIGHTLY. I HAVE SAVED THE PUNJAB."



DYER LEFT FOR ENGLAND AND THERE PRESENTED HIS OWN VERSION OF THE CASE. MANY ENGLISHMEN AGREED WITH DYER. THEY FELT THAT BY DEALING SEVERELY WITH PUNJAB, HE HAD PREVENTED THE TROUBLE FROM SPREADING TO OTHER STATES.

DYER IS RIGHT. ISN'T HE BEING MADE THE SCAPEGOAT OF POLITICIANS?

OF COURSE! HE SAVED THE BRITISH EMPIRE!

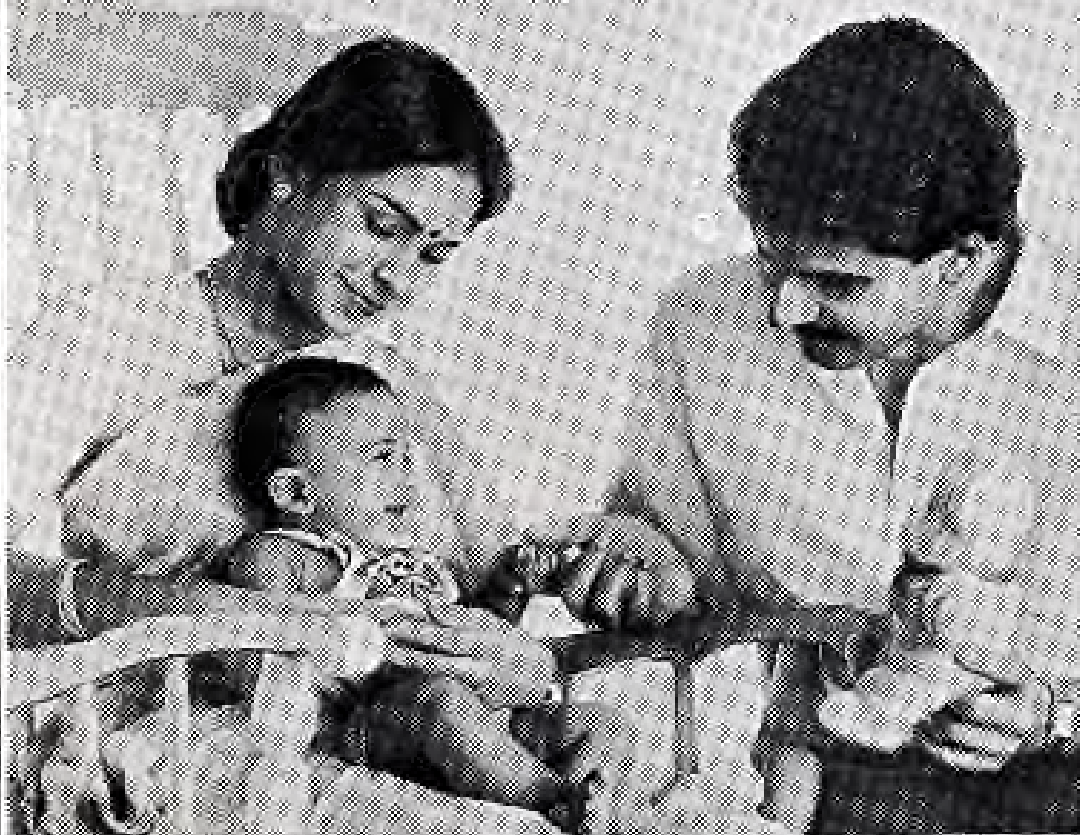


AS FAR AS INDIANS WERE CONCERNED, THE JALLIANWALLA BAGH EPISODE WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE BRITISH RAY.



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